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The Examiner is invited to directly contact the undersigned representative by telephone to discuss any issues or questions presented by this paper.

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	A1	2,651,496	09/08/1953	Buckland et al.	253	78	10/10/1951
	A2	3,652,177	03/28/1972	Loebel	415	110	05/19/1970
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	B1	DE 4 213 678	10/28/1993	Germany	F01D	25/12	Abstract
	B2	FR 1 053 647	02/03/1954	France			Claims only
	B3	EP 1 256 697 A2	11/13/2002	EPO	F01D	17/16	N/A
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	C1	European Search Report for EP 03 01 6086 (July 26, 2004)
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Translation of Claims of FR 1,053,647

SUMMARY

1. A device for variation of pressure of engines with a gas turbine and an expansion nozzle placed following this turbine, in which the distributor preceding the turbine comprises a ring of vanes with variable orientation and means permitting this orientation to be modified during operation, the aforementioned vanes being arranged such that a variation of their orientation determines a variation of the cross-section offered between them to gases.
2. Modes of realization presenting the following characteristics, taken separately or according to the various possible combinations:
 - A. In addition to the ring of directional vanes that precedes the turbine, the distributor comprises a ring of fixed vanes placed upstream of the ring of directional vanes, the fixed vanes and the directional vanes thus carrying out the expansion and the deflection of gases by successive fractions, before admission into the turbine;
 - B. The directional vanes each comprise two opposite pivots provided with bearings;
 - C. The bearings are cooled by air circulation;
 - D. The directional vanes are each taken between two opposed circular plates engaging in the cavities in the same form as the gas conduit, so as to avoid any projection on the surface of this conduit.
3. Engines provided with the device according to 1 or 2.